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HOUSE RESOLUTION 299

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A RESOLUTION to create a special house committee to study issues pertaining to student health and academic achievement.

WHEREAS, it is self-evident that good student health is one of the most critical factors in promoting academic success; and

WHEREAS, Chapter No. 554 of the Public Acts of 2000 enacts the Coordinated School Health Improvement Act; and

WHEREAS, Chapter No. 554 directs the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health and the Tennessee Public School Nurse Program, to develop a system of grants and model guidelines to encourage adoption of coordinated school health programs by local education agencies; and

WHEREAS, at a minimum, such model guidelines should adequately include the following components: health services, health education, school nutrition, physical education, school environment, counseling, psychological services, social services, staff health and wellness, and family and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2000-2001 includes funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the sole purpose of implementing Chapter No. 554; and

WHEREAS, in this time of limited state fiscal resources, the House of Representatives should take appropriate steps to ensure that the Coordinated School Health Improvement Act is vigorously and enthusiastically implemented and that appropriated funds are invested wisely and effectively; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That there is hereby created a special committee to study issues pertaining to student health and academic achievement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special committee is also directed to carefully monitor all phases of the implementation of the Coordinated School Health Improvement Act, with special emphasis devoted to the development of model guidelines and the system of grants as well as to the adoption of coordinated school health programs by local education agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of five (5) members of the House, to be appointed by the speaker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Education, the Department of Health, and all other appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all members of the special committee who are duly elected members of the House of Representatives shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly; and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, on or before March 30, 2001, the special committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Second General Assembly, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.